3. Terms of Reference of the Committee would be as follows:

(i) To consider proposals of Indian entrepreneurs for deep sea fishing by acquisition through construction/import of deep sea fishing vessels for issuance of Letter of Permission;

(ii) To prescribe norms for joint venture, development of post harvest technologies, infrastructure and human resource development in the sector; and

(iii) To advice the Government on implementation of any other aspects of comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy as and when referred to it.

4. The committee shall meet as often as required, but not less than once in six months. TA/DA of the members, if any, will be borne by their respective department/Organisation.

Loss to Fishing and other Industries due to Tsunami

3887. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tsunami has cripple the fishing industry;

(b) if so, the extent of losses and the steps being taken to revive the industry; and

(c) the details of other industries affected by Tsunami?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) : (a) and (b) The damages/losses to the fisheries due to Tsunami has been worked out to Rs. 1343.62 crore by the affected States/UT's as per Memorandum submitted to the Central Government. The Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas has provision of Rs. 1137.97 crore comprising of Rs. 589.86 crore subsidy and Rs. 548.11 crore loans for the fisheries sector.

(c) Other affected sector included ports, roads and bridges, power, agriculture including forests and animal husbandry, housing and social infrastructure.